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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESS ITEMS - JANUARY 6

1. THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS ARE TO MEET IN LUSAKA THIS WEEKEND TO DISCUSS THE SOUTHERN AFRICA MISSION OF IVOR RICHARD ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM DAR ES SALAAM PUBLISHED IN THE JANUARY 6 DAILY MAIL.

2. GRZ FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE, RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS FROM THE DAILY MAIL BLAMED ZIMBABWEANS THEMSELVES FOR THE DELAY IN GAINING THEIR FREEDOM. MWALE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT ZIMBABWEANS WITHIN ZIMBABWE "HAVE NOT DONE ANYTHING SPECTACULAR SO FAR," THE DISUNITY WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE NATIONALISTS AND SMITH'S DIABOLICAL SKILLFUL PERPETUATION OF THE STATUS QUO WERE ALL FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELAY.

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3. THE PUBLICITY SECRETARY OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, GEORGE SILUNDIKA, TOLD THE DAILY MAIL IN AN INTERVIEW THAT THE FRONT HAD MADE EXPLICIT PROPOSALS IN GENEVA REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE BRITISH IN THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND FAILS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BRITISH ARE DOING TRYING TO SEEK A DEFINITION OF THE EXTENT OF ITS INVOLVEMENT IN A TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION. SILUNDIKA NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM IN RHODESIA IS NOT A QUESTION

OF TRANSFER OF POWER FROM WHITES TO BLACKS, BUT THE TRANSFER OF POWER FROM WHITES TO BLACKS, BUT THE TRANSFER OF POWER FROM RACISTS, COLONIALISTS AND REACTIONARIES"TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF ZIMBABWE, WHICH IS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT".

4. A TIMES OF ZAMBIA CORRESPONDENT IN SALISBURY REPORTS THAT THERE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD AFRICAN SUPPORT OF A BOYCOTT OF SALISBURY BUS SERVICE OPERATED SINCE YESTERDAY BY STRIKE BREAKERS REPLACING DRIVERS ON STRIKE SINCE CHRISTMAS. PRESENCE OF POLICE ON BUSES HAS ANGERED POPULACE. THE PAPER SPECULATES THAT THE BOYCOTT COULD SPREAD TO A NATIONWIDE GENERAL STRIKE THOUGH IT GIVES NO EVIDENCE OF ACTIVITY ELSEWHERE.

5. A REPORT FROM LUANDA IN THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA NOTES THAT THREE ANGOLANS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE MURDER OF A PORTUGUES ENGINEER. THE MURDER WAS DESCRIBED AS PART OF AN IMPERIALIST-BACKED CAMPAIGN TO DRIVE OUT FOREIGN TECHNICIANS ESSENTIAL FOR RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS. SAME ITEM ADDS THAT ANGOLAN CIVILIANS ARE CROSSING INTO NAMIBIA SEEKING FOOD AND MEDICAL TREATMENT. 6,000 SUCH REFUGEES HAVE CROSSED INTO NAMIBIA IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

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